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## DESCRIBES HOW HE KILLED WIFE

### Dr. Hawley Crippen Succumbs To The Third Degree

**Declares That While Quarreling With Belle Elmore He Strangled Her To Death In Effort To Suppress Outcries—Became Alarmed, Mutilated And Buried Body In Cellar—Le Neve Woman Is Pumped For Clues That Helped Detectives**

Quebec, Aug. 4.—Numerous events of the past few hours have helped to strengthen the belief that Dr. Hawley H. Crippen has confessed to the crime of murdering his wife, Belle Elmore, in London. The most convincing proof is the fact that an official in the attorney general's office has said so.

The manner in which the confession was obtained was as follows: After her arrest, broken and nervous, the Le Neve woman clung to Captain Kendall as her only solace. He has been kind to her on the voyage and she trusted him. While sitting in her cabin, once more attired in woman's clothing, she confided to the captain what she knew of the case. He turned his information over to Inspector Dew in confidence. Dew instructed one of the daughters of Mrs. Phillips, the matron of the jail, to approach Miss Le Neve and, without making any promises of help or freedom, to attempt to gain further information. She was successful, and the information she gleaned was used by Dew to play on Crippen's weary mind.

He finally, after hours of interviewing and questioning, broke down. He claims he did not intend to commit murder. He and his wife had been fighting and bickering. He strangled her to make her keep quiet. She fainted and later died. Fearing the consequences, he made all haste to cover up his deed. This story is vouched for by a government official and is the general topic of conversation at the Chateau Fontenac and the

#### KENDALL AND DEW

Captain of the Montrose and Man Who Arrested Crippen.



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Garrison club. The fact that Crippen is more closely guarded than ever points to the fact that he has confessed.

## BANKERS OF OHIO START CLEARING HOUSE

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—At a meeting held here by a special committee of the Ohio Bankers' association, appointed to formulate such a plan, it was decided to establish nine group clearing houses in the state to provide for united action by banks in times of financial stringency. The

group plan was preferred to a state clearing house proposal and also to the currency associations provided for under the Aldrich law. The currency associations were not favored for the reason that membership in them is limited to national banks.

## FATALLY KICKED

Findlay, O. Aug. 4.—Harry Zuber, 27, who has just completed a course in a Chicago correspondence school on how to train vicious horses, was probably fatally kicked. While handling a horse he waved a red flag in front of its eyes and then jingled some sleigh bells at the horse's heels. The kick that followed in the man's chest broke nearly every one of Zuber's ribs and he was injured internally.

**Lineman Commits Suicide.**  
Washington C. H., O., Aug. 4.—Harry Mitchell, 25, lineman for the Bell Telephone company, was found dead at his home. He had stopped up the keyhole and turned on the gas.

#### WILL HUNT TAX DODGERS

State Hears That Many Run Autos Without Tag.

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—Garret Fox was appointed special officer in the state automobile department by Secretary of State Carmel Thompson. His work will be to enforce the state automobile laws in all parts of Ohio. "The appointment of a special officer to enforce the laws has long been considered necessary," said Registrar Caley, "and after getting an opinion from the attorney general little time was lost in naming him. He is already on the job. Frequent reports come to us from the small towns that some of the 'prominent citizens' are operating machines without licenses."

#### Will Run in Mooney's Place.

Ashtabula, O., Aug. 4.—The Republican central committee of Ashtabula county selected Attorney Clifford J. King to succeed G. W. Mooney as candidate for the legislature on the Republican ticket. The move was made necessary by the nomination of Speaker Mooney for secretary of state.

#### John Davey, Who Seeks to Exterminate English Sparrow



Photo by American Press Association.

John Davey, lover of trees and foe of the English sparrow, has recently created an organization in Ohio for the extermination of the sparrow pest. Regarding the move Mr. Davey says, "If the sparrows are not destroyed and the native birds preserved the country will be overrun with insects that will destroy the food bearing plants and trees."

## SEVEN MEN INDICTED BY N. Y. GRAND JURY

New York, Aug. 4.—The federal grand jury indicted seven officers and directors of the United Wireless Telegraph company in the United States circuit court. There were two indictments, one for conspiracy and one for scheme to defraud which contained three counts. The men under indictment are Christopher Columbus

Wilson, president of the wireless company; Samuel S. Bogart, vice president; W. A. Dibal, treasurer; C. C. Galbraith, director and general manager; Francis X. Butler, a former director and counsel for the company; W. W. Tompkins, a selling agent, and George R. Parker, a director.

## C. & O. RY. IS ENJOINED

### FACES CRISIS IN MINERS' AFFAIRS

**Lewis Hopes to Save Union From Disruption.**

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—Judge Sater of the United States circuit court issued an injunction against the Chesapeake & Ohio voting its present stock holdings and against an increase of the common stock of the Hocking Valley railroad, now owned by the C. & O. The granting of the injunction is considered a big victory in behalf of the minority stockholders, who brought the suit.

## MANY DIE IN WRECKS

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—More people were killed on steam and electric railroads in Ohio during July than in any previous month this year. The total was 117. This report, made by the state railroad commission, does not include the 25 killed in the Middletown wreck. They were held out of the report for verification.

#### Aviation Meet Opens.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 4.—Pittsburg's first aviation meet opened at Bruno Island this afternoon and will continue three days. Glenn Curtiss, Thomas Baldwin and J. C. Mars are among the aviators who are here to take part in the program. One of feats to be attempted, should wind and weather permit, will be the breaking of the high record of over 6,000 feet, made at Atlantic City recently.

#### Cloak Makers Open Shops.

New York, Aug. 4.—All negotiations with the strikers were declared off by the employers' association of the cloak and shirt makers. The employers decided to open all factories at once and to replace the strikers as quickly as possible.

## STATE REDUCES MILITARY FORCE

**Two Whole Regiments Sent Home From Columbus.**

### STRIKE REMAINS UNSETTLED

Seventeen Hundred Men Left to Preserve Order in Capital City—All Efforts to Get Rail-Light Company and Striking Employees Together Prove Futile—Governor Harmon Makes Plea For "Suffering Public." Also Deplores Draft on Treasury.

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—Early this morning the Second and Sixth regiments, which have been here on strike duty for the past week, broke camp and started for home. Mayor Marshall having informed the military authorities that it would be safe to withdraw a portion of the troops to lessen the expense to the state. Troop A and the Medical and Signal corps also departed.

This leaves on duty the Third, Fourth and Eighth regiments of infantry, Troop B, cavalry of Columbus; Battery C and the Ambulance and Signal corps of Columbus, a total of 1,700 men.

Under the orders for release Major General Dick and his entire staff was also relieved from further duty, as was also Brigadier General McKenna, commanding the First brigade, and his entire staff. Brigadier General John C. Speaks will be chief in command after Generals Dick and McKenna go.

One reason for delaying the departure of troops until this morning was the fear on the part of the military authorities that further attempts might be made to wreck the special trains carrying the troops, as was done in Bell Valley, Noble county, Saturday night.

At the final conference between the Rail-Light officials and representatives of the carmen's union, Governor Harmon made a speech in which he took a middle-of-the-road position regarding the merits of the controversy, but a straight-out position in behalf of what he called the "suffering public."

#### Becomes More Than Quarrel.

"This thing has grown beyond merely a quarrel between a streetcar company and its union employees," said the governor. "It has become a matter of vital interest to the entire state. Every township in Ohio is being forced to pay its share of the enormous expense of keeping troops in Columbus. As for Columbus, business is paralyzed and the city is losing thousands of dollars every day the strike continues."

"Now I want you fellows, the company and the union, to look at this situation in the big broad sense and come together in some sort of a settlement."

"The state is spending money maintaining a state board of arbitration. That board's business is to settle the trouble such as this. Why can't you use the board? The board, by reason of having made a thorough investigation of the points at issue, knows more about the causes leading to this strike than any temporary board could possibly know."

"The state board says that the company has discriminated against certain union employees, and has discharged some of them. It has rendered a decision on a number of other points at issue. What reason is there for either side to refuse to accept the decisions of this board as a basis for working out a settlement of the strike? I can't see any myself."

#### Both Sides Refuse.

The proposition was referred to the union membership and promptly rejected. The men declared they would be satisfied with nothing less than full recognition of the organization and 25 and 27 cents an hour, according to length of service. Manager Stewart of the Rail-Light company said he would make no concessions.

Clarence Felley, private in Company A, Sixth regiment was found guilty of infraction of the articles of war and was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Franklin county jail. He was also dishonorably discharged from the service. Captain Harry Kerns charged Felley with insubordination, striking a noncommissioned officer and using indecent language toward a superior officer. His home is in Toledo.

There has been practically no rioting for two days, and the authorities think they have the situation well in hand.

## TAFT IGNORED BY INSURGENTS

### Cummins Refuses To Mention Name At Convention

**Platform Declares That It Does Not Carry Out Republican Platform Pledges Of Two Years Ago—Standpatters Raise Pandemonium In Effort To Force Chairman To Include President In List Of Illustrious Republicans From Lincoln Down**

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 4.—By a vote of 815 to 568 the Iowa Republican convention declared that it disapproved of the Payne tariff law as not being a fulfillment of the pledges of the national Republican platform of two years ago, and gave cordial endorsement of the action of Senators Cummins and Dolliver and the insurgent members of the lower house in refusing to support the tariff bill, railway and other administration measures. So bitter was the controlling element that President Taft's picture was denied a place among other illustrious Republicans who adorned the walls of the great coliseum.

#### Climax of Resentment.

To cap the climax of apparent resentment Temporary Chairman Senator A. B. Cummins refused to mention the president by name, and when he sought to eulogize Republican leaders, by beginning with Lincoln and ending with Roosevelt, 500 stalwarts refused to let the speechmaking continue until the name of Taft had been included in the list. Pandemonium reigned for 10 minutes. Senator Cummins stood pat upon this matter, however, and eventually was permitted to resume his speech.

There were majority and minority reports covering every stage of the day's proceedings. When the committee on permanent organization

recommended Senator J. P. Dolliver for permanent chairman the stalwart faction balked and presented the name of J. C. Mabry of Albion. Dolliver won over Mabry by 285 votes.

## STRICKEN AT KEY

Dayton, O., Aug. 4.—J. Edward Sullivan, 44, employed as dispatcher at the Union station by the C. H. & D. railway company, died suddenly as the result of an attack of heart trouble. He was at his key when the attack came.

#### State Shoot Postponed.

Camp Perry, O., Aug. 4.—The Columbus street railway strike is not popular among Ohio regimental rifle teams encamped here for the annual competition of the Ohio National Guard, for Adjutant General Weybrecht telegraphed Major Charles Becht that the competition was declared off on account of the strike. The matches to decide the regimental and other honors will be held some time in September.

## SAVES TOLEDO MURDERER FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—Joseph Mackley, the Toledo murderer, who was to be electrocuted at the Ohio penitentiary tonight, was saved by Governor Harmon, who followed a recommendation of the state board of pardons and commuted his sentence.

to life imprisonment. Mackley killed Caroline Hunt, his sweetheart. He has a wife living in Mansfield. It is said that his record as a soldier in the Spanish-American war had much to do with the commutation of sentence.

## PRISONER CAPTURED

Columbus, O., Aug. 4.—Local police arrested Ambrose Nye, one of the prisoners who escaped from the Newark jail on the night when the mob lynched Carl Etherington. He was today taken to Newark, where he is wanted on a charge of grand larceny.

## WHIPS WIFE KILLS SELF

Napoleon, O., Aug. 4.—John Ellis, 45, struck his wife with a buggy whip, making a deep and serious gash on her forehead. Believing her dead, he seized a shotgun and shot off the top of his head. It is believed he was temporarily insane.

#### SUSPICION STRENGTHENED

Second Attempt Made to Wreck Troop Train at Belle Valley.

Cambridge, O., Aug. 4.—A second wreck on the Cleveland and Marietta division of Pennsylvania lines near Ideal mine, 10 miles from Belle Valley, crystallized the suspicion of railway detectives that the wrecking last Saturday of a train carrying Ohio troops to quell the Columbus traction strike riots was the result of a strike sympathizers' plot. The last wreck occurred at the same spot and was caused in the same way, by the breaking of switchlocks and the blocking open of the switches. A train carrying horses of Troop B, injured in Saturday's wreck, and several troops, had just passed when a freight train ran into the open switch. It is believed the troop train was the object of the wreck plot.

#### THIS AND THAT

Governor Campbell has urged the Texas legislature to enact a radical anti-saloon measure of statewide dimensions.

At Gary, Ind., Marie Uno, 15, was fatally stabbed by Joachim Daviso, whom she had been forced to marry against her will.